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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with House Armed Services Committee Staff Concerning
the Costing of Soviet R&D and Defense Programs, MBFR and
Backfire

25X1A 1. Accompanied Messrs. Bruce Clarke, [redacted] 25X1A
and [redacted] OSR, to a meeting with Messrs. Frank Slatinshek, John R.
Blandford, and John Ford, House Armed Services Committee staff, concerning
the costing of Soviet R&D and defense programs, MBFR, and Backfire. The
major portion of the 50-minute meeting was spent in discussion of the Committee
problem of handling and presentation of the military defense budget and the
apparent conflict between the information provided in the Director's briefing
of 8 February and informal briefings provided the Committee staff by Mr. Laird's
and Dr. Foster's offices.

2. The Agency presentation on levels of effort and trends in Soviet
military procurement and R&D was accepted without question and it was requested
that the preliminary draft paper on costing of the Soviet effort be expanded to
include illustrations. No time was set for return of the draft.

3. It was also requested that the level of support provided by host
countries for Soviet occupation forces in the Warsaw Pact nations be provided.
Outline of the background information available on the Backfire together with an
outline of the MBFR negotiations over the period of the last year or so seemed
to fulfill the Committee's needs for the moment.

4. No mention was made of the paper requested on Friday by
Mr. Slatinshek concerning the Soviet position on MBFR.

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